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NAS OCEANA INSTRUCTION 7541.1F

Subj: GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE (GAO) AUDITS, REVIEWS AND EXAMINATIONS

Ref: (a) SECNAVINST 5740.26

1. Purpose. To define responsibilities and to establish a coordination point for General Accounting Office (GAO) audits, reviews and examinations per reference (a).

2. Cancellation. NASOCEANAINST 7541.1E. Because of numerous revisions paragraph markings have been omitted.

3. Information

a. As an agent of Congress, the GAO has broad authority to conduct reviews and investigations in the Department of the Navy (DoN). It is the policy within DoN to cooperate fully with the GAO in its surveys, reviews and audits to the maximum extent practical and derive full advantage from GAO findings and recommendations. This will promote improvement of Navy and Department of Defense operations and ensure that funds, property and personnel have been employed only in authorized programs or activities and in an effective, efficient and economical manner.

b. Prompt, clear and positive action must be taken on GAO reports. The Secretary of Defense and Secretary of the Navy have directed that a reply be made to a GAO report within 60 days from the date of the report unless GAO requests an earlier reply. Copies of field activity replies to these reports will be provided to the Comptroller of the Navy, primary support agency and Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet (CINCLANTFLT) via the chain of command. GAO reports must be given priority handling to meet required due dates.

4. Responsibility

a. Command Evaluation shall take action to ensure that:

(1) Required security clearances are on hand before commencement of the audit by GAO personnel.

(2) Arrangements are made for GAO representatives to meet command personnel and others directly involved.

(3) Background briefings are provided to GAO personnel.

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(4) Working space is made available.

(5) Arrangements are made for access to records and questions in this area are resolved promptly.

(6) Discussions are held concerning GAO findings and recommendations, particularly those likely to be included in a GAO report.

(7) Reports are prepared on significant findings and recommendations resulting from GAO surveys or reviews.

(8) Reports are forwarded to Command Evaluation and CINCLANTFLT via the chain of command.

(9) Recommendations arising from the GAO survey or review are implemented within a reasonable time to ensure that operations are conducted according to existing laws, regulations and procedures.

b. Department Heads, Officers in Charge and Special Assistants shall submit required information pertaining to their functional areas on GAO audits, reviews and examinations to Command Evaluation in sufficient time to meet reporting due dates.


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